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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 17, 2003, Applicant, without traverse, elects to prosecute claims 1-15 (Group I). Claims 16-43 have been cancelled. In addition, Applicant has added new claims 44-81. The newly added claims are consistent with the election of the method of characterizing particles using optical forces. Applicant has also amended the Title of the Invention in light of the currently pending method claims. Finally, Applicant has amended the Related Application information contained on page 1 of the specification.

In addition, Applicant has enclosed a copy of the *Imasaka et al*, "Optical Chromatography," Analytical Chemistry, Vol. 67, No. 11, pp. 1763-65, June 1, 1995 reference identified in the May 23, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement in the event a copy of the reference is missing from the file.

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Examination on the merits is earnestly requested. If there are any questions concerning this paper, please contact the undersigned at (949) 737-2926.

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